

A1
Application Serial No. 09/515,308, filed February 29, 2000,
entitled DATABASE SIZER FOR NT SIZER SYSTEM; U.S. Patent
Application Serial No. 09/514,801, filed February 29, 2000,
entitled COMBINATION OF MASS STORAGE SIZER, COMPARATOR, OLTP
USER DEFINED WORKLOAD SIZER, AND DESIGN TRADE-OFF TOOL IN ONE
PACKAGE; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/515,158, filed
February 29, 2000, entitled BUILT IN HEADROOM FOR AN NT SYSTEM
Sizer; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/516,272, filed
February 29, 2000, entitled ALGORITHMS TO CALCULATE MASS STORAGE
REQUIREMENTS FOR NT SIZER; and U.S. Patent Application Serial
No. 09/514,506, filed February 29, 2000, entitled METHOD OF
COMPARISON FOR COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND APPARATUS THEREFOR, all of
which are assigned to the assignee of the present invention and
incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 14 line 1 as
follows:

A2
The mass storage required 222 can also be determined by
method 200. The mass storage required can be satisfied by
adding the appropriate size and number of mass storage devices
such as disk drives. The required mass storage can be
calculated using the methods described in related applications
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/516,272, filed February
29, 2000, entitled ALGORITHMS TO CALCULATE MASS STORAGE

A2
REQUIREMENTS FOR NT SIZER, and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/515,308, filed February 29, 2000, entitled DATABASE SIZER FOR NT SIZER SYSTEM, herein incorporated by reference. The tpmC ratio 226 provides a means for comparing the system specified by the inputs to method 200 and a baseline system tpmC 214 provided by the user. In one embodiment, a top window in the application program can be used to selectively browse through the tpmC database. The browsing can be filtered based on the operating system and database management system. In one embodiment, the tpmC database is filtered according to operating system and DBMS to provide a shorter list, which is selectable via a drop down list to a single tpmC database record, which can be termed the "baseline" system. The tpmC value from the record can be used as the value for the baseline system. In some embodiments, a known system from one vendor is selected as the baseline system on one part of the screen. The requirements can be used to select for another system, termed the 'target' system, from a second vendor in another part of the screen. The tpmC of the target system can be compared to the tpmC of the baseline system using ratio 226.

DISCUSSION

The examiner indicated that the attempt to incorporate subject matter into this application by reference to "Co-Pending